

St. Peter's Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023

47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901
Rectory Phone: 570-724-3371 ~ Fax: 570-724-6322
Religious Education Office: 570-724-9789
Website: www.stpeterswellsboro.com

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9:00am–1:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski
Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net
Bookkeeper: Louise Wheaton – stpadm@ptd.net
Religious Education: Melissa Mann – stpreled@ptd.net
Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Rob Minnich

Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm (Livestreamed); Sunday 8:30am

Reconciliation

Tuesday through Friday, 11:45am–12:00pm;
Saturday, 4:30–4:50pm; or by appointment

Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of St. Peter's Church, are called to holiness by God as present-day disciples of Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united in service to God to share our faith with one another and our community. May our participation in the Holy Sacraments, our ministries and our devotion to Mary bring glory to God and His Kingdom.

Pregnancy Support

Catholic Social Services (800) 982-4310
Crisis Pregnancy Help line (888) 4-OPTIONS
Heart of Tioga County Pregnancy & Parent Support 570-948-2020

Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency, please call the rectory at 570-724-3371. If no answer, please leave a message. Fr. Jacek will return your call as soon as he is able.

Religious Education and Formation

Religious Education classes are held for Pre-K – 12th grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12th begins at 9:30am and concludes at 10:40am. To register, please contact the Religious Education Office at 570-724-9789 or the Rectory at 570-724-3371. Children's Liturgy (grades K-4th) is held during the 8:30am Mass when Religious Education classes are in session.

Welcome to St. Peter's Church!

If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

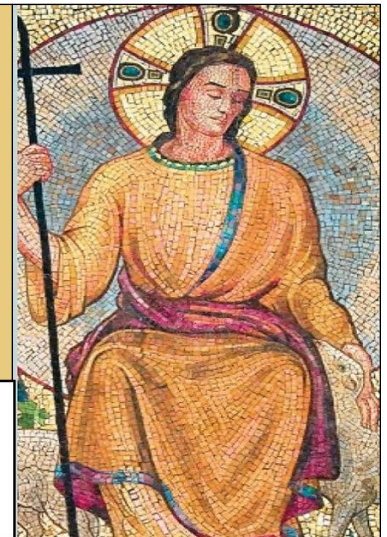
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Phone _____

Address _____

This year, for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I would ask you, in your reflection and prayer, to take as your guide the theme "Vocation: Grace and Mission" Pope Francis

**World Day of Prayer
for Vocations
April 30, 2023**



Parish Contact Listing

Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570-948-2184
Social Concerns – Karen Plumley 570-439-0175
Parish Rummage Sale – Pat Gorda 570-404-8918
Diane Bill 516-458-9130
Church Decorations – Sue Singer 570-948-2184
Buildings & Grounds – Rick Joachim 570-439-2591
Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529
Dinner Committee – Rectory 570-724-3371
Music Ministry – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085
Samaritan House – Mary D. Grab 607-857-3447
Youth Group – Melissa Mann 570-724-9789
Eucharistic Adoration – Rhonda Gooch 570-724-3092
Finance Council – Tim Gooch – 570-971-5826
Parish Council – Steve Tokarz 570-404-0693
Worship Committee – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085
Prayer Chain – Kate Black 570-916-9573
ChristLife – Norb Josten 570-724-9095
Prayer Shawl Ministry - Michelle Sepiol 570-439-6206
Marian Ministries – Linda Sampson 570-404-2180
Fundraising Committee – Tim Gooch 570-971-5826
Welcoming Committee – Melissa Mann 570-724-9789

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 5/1	No Mass	
Tuesday 5/2	12:10pm	In Memory of Josephine Patt (Marion Patt)
Wednesday 5/3	12:10pm	In Memory of William and Marie Tobaygo (Robert Tobaygo, Jr.)
Thursday 5/4	12:10pm	In Memory of Gavin Glimm (Joan Sattler)
Friday 5/5	12:10pm	In Memory of Hal Cleek (Charles & Mary Fagg)
Saturday 5/6	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 5/7	8:30am	In Memory of Clark Hewitt (Rita Hanson)

News Parish and Activities

Church Hours/Adoration

The church will be open for private prayer, Monday through Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm. From 8:00-9:00am, the only entrance will be through the door on the main parking lot side. From 9:00am-5:00pm, the front door and carport entrance will be open. If for some reason the main door is not unlocked, please enter through the parking lot door, as this entrance will always be open from 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Saturday, the church will be open from 8:00am-4:30pm using only the parking lot door. The front and carport doors will be unlocked at 4:15pm for those attending Mass. All doors of the church will be unlocked on Sunday morning at 8:00am for those attending Mass. Adoration will take place on Tuesday from 1:00pm-6:00pm, with Benediction but no evening prayer.

Flower Arrangements

Parishioners are now able to purchase the flower arrangements that are placed at the altar, tabernacle, or by the Mary statue in memory or in honor of someone. The cost is as follows:
 Altar Flower Arrangements-1 arrangement \$70, 2 arrangements \$140
 Tabernacle Arrangements - 2 arrangements \$40
 Mary Arrangement - 1 arrangement \$25

You may request a particular flower(s) or color scheme and Akiko's will do their best to honor that if at all possible. The Arrangements will arrive in time for the weekend Masses and remain for the following week. Please stop in or call the rectory for available dates. The Memorial/Honorarium will be listed in the bulletin.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

For the safety of our parishioners, if the local school are **closed**, there will be **no daily Mass or Adoration**. The Church will remain open for private prayer using the parking lot side entrance.

Happening This Week

Sunday, April 30th

Religious Education Classes -
 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12

Tuesday, May 2nd

Women's Bible Study - 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room
 Adoration - 1:00pm - 6:00pm; Church

Wednesday, May 3rd

Dinner Committee Mtg. - 10:00am; Parish Center
 Sharing Christ - 6:30pm; Parish Center

Sunday, May 7th

May Crowning - During 8:30am Mass
 Religious Education End-of-Year Social -
 Immediately following 8:30am Mass; Parish Center

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for April 23, 2023: \$4,887.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: -\$1,213.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance \$2,615.91

We are grateful to all those who are able to financially support our parish.

Liturgical Reflection ~ 4th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Peter makes the astounding assertion that the man rejected by some Jewish leaders and executed by Rome has been made Lord and Messiah. Those who were gathered were cut to the heart. About three thousand persons hear Peter's call for repentance and were baptized.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23

As a response to the First Reading, this beloved psalm captures the longing for God's love and protection which we all experience. With the Lord as our shepherd, we want nothing: the overflowing cup of God's guidance, courage, goodness, and kindness provides all we need.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:20-25

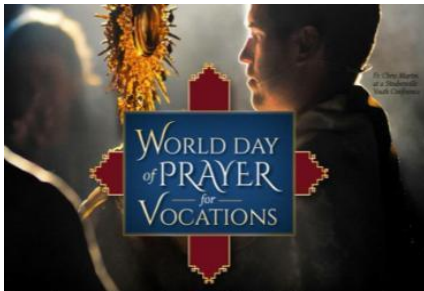
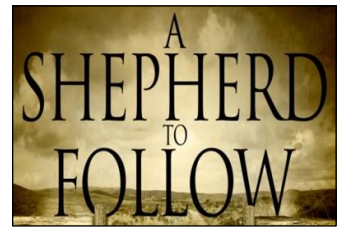
Patience in suffering for doing what is good is not easy, yet Christ our shepherd has shown us that this is the way which we are to walk, and is a "grace before God." We are called to walk in the footsteps of the Lord who did not return suffering for suffering, but rather relied upon God's judgement. Through Christ's suffering, we have been healed, freed to live for righteousness, called to return to the shepherd who guards and keeps us safe.

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

As he addresses the Pharisees, Jesus reveals himself as the gate for the sheep, leading them to good pasture, in contrast to those who have come before him who have led the sheep astray. While the Pharisees do not understand his figure of speech, we grasp his message: Christ is our way and salvation; we who hear the voice and enter through the gate who is Christ, know the abundant life which is found in God's love.

ABOUT THIS SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. Hearing the Shepherd's voice, followers recognize and know it is their God. Safe in the knowledge that they cannot be taken from the hand of the Shepherd, those who hear his voice follow as faithful believers willing to go where God calls and sends them. When all the clamor of false voices and seductive distractions threaten to overwhelm, we have only to listen carefully to be led to do the work of the Father.



Today is also **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life, or secular institutes.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim



**First Saturday Pilgrimages
St. Mary's Church, Blossburg**

A carpool is available each First Saturday of the month for those who wish to attend these services. Mass begins at 9:30am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. The service concludes with Benediction at 11:00 am. Those who wish to join the carpool meet at Whitneyville Fairgrounds at 9:00am. Contact Linda Sampson at 570-404-2180.

Mother's Day Remembrance Envelopes

Included in your monthly envelope packet is a Mother's Day Intention envelope to remember our living and deceased mothers and grandmothers. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for Mother's Day.



**Catholic Women's Conference – "With the Holy Spirit"
Saturday, June 10, 2023**

This year, the Catholic Women's Conference will explore the mystery and the gift of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives and how, if we listen, we will hear and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and be transformed into who he meant us to be.

The cost to attend the conference is \$55. Student tickets are \$20, and women religious are welcome free of charge. For more information and to register, visit the Diocese of Scranton website at dioceseofscranton.org.

Women's Brunch

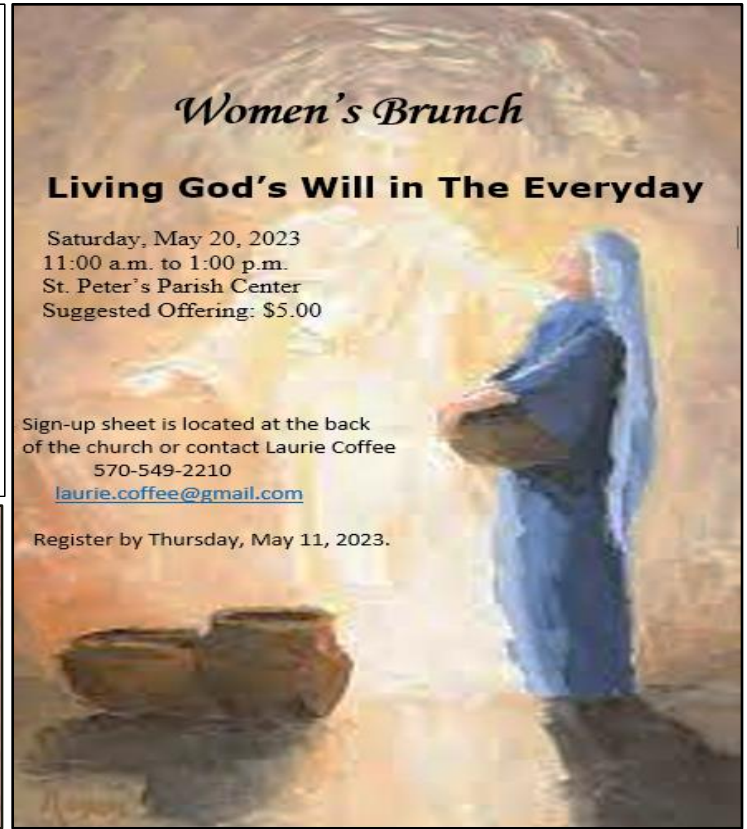
Living God's Will in The Everyday

Saturday, May 20, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
St. Peter's Parish Center
Suggested Offering: \$5.00

Sign-up sheet is located at the back of the church or contact Laurie Coffee 570-549-2210

laurie.coffee@gmail.com

Register by Thursday, May 11, 2023.



May Crowning

May Crowning, led by our First Holy Communion class, will take place on Sunday, May 7th, at the 8:30am Mass. All religious education students are invited to participate in the procession and should meet in the Parish Center at 8:15am. Flowers will be provided. After the procession, students will return to the pews to sit with their family for Mass.



Religious Education End-of-Year Social



The last day of Religious Education classes will be May 7th. Join us for a donut/coffee/juice social in the Parish Center following the 8:30am Mass. All are welcome!

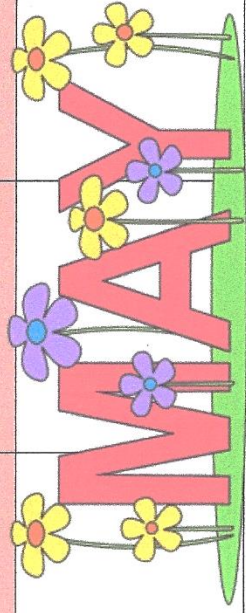
St. Peter's Social Concerns Layette Project

St. Peter's Social Concerns Committee will be collecting and assembling layette sets for donation to women who deliver at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital and are poorly prepared for the baby's arrival. Donations of infant clothing size newborn to 3 months, sweaters, socks, new blankets, etc. are needed. Also, disposable diapers will be collected for donation to Seeds of Hope. Tags with items needed will be located on the giving tree at the back of the church. Please take a tag and return the gift item to the table at the back of the church **no later than Thursday, May 11th**. All donations will be delivered on Mother's Day. Questions? Contact B.J. Butler at 570/724-2222. Thank you for your generosity!

**"We discover we are children of God at the moment we discover we are brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. This is why it is essential to be part of a journeying community. No one goes to the Lord alone."
- Pope Francis**

St. Peter's and St. Thomas Parishes - Activity Calendar - May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 th Sunday of Easter Mass - 8:30am May Crowning Mass - 11:30am; St. Thomas Rel. Education - End of Year Donut Social; following 8:30am Mass	No Mass St. Thomas Rectory Closed	2 St. Athanasius Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Adoration - 1:00pm-6:00pm; St. Peter's Finance Council Mtg - 6:30pm; St. Thomas Rectory Women's Bible Study - 10:00am AA - 6:00pm/Al-Anon - 7:00pm	3 Ss. Philip and James Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Thomas Rectory Closed Dinner Committee Mtg. - 10:00am; St. Peter's Sharing Christ - 6:30pm; St. Peter's Fundraising Mtg - 7:00pm; St. Catherine's Hall	Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Rectory Closed	Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass - 7:00pm; St. Catherine
14 th Sunday of Easter Mass - 8:30am Mass - 11:30am; St. Thomas	15 St. Isidore No Mass St. Thomas Rectory Closed Sharing Christ - 6:30pm; St. Peter's	9 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Adoration - 1:00pm-6:00pm Parish Council Mtg - 6:30pm; St. Peter's Women's Bible Study - 10:00am Knights of Columbus Mtg - 6:00pm; St. Thomas Hall Al-Anon - 7:00pm/AA - 8:00pm	10 St. Damien de Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Thomas Rectory Closed Staff Meeting - 10:00am Sharing Christ - 6:30pm; St. Peter's	11 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	12 Ss. Nereus and Achilleus Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Rectory Closed	13 Our Lady of Fatima Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass - 7:00pm; St. Catherine Sharing Christ Retreat - 9:00am; Parish Center
21 st Sunday of Easter Mass - 8:30am Sacrament of Confirmation Mass - 11:30am; St. Thomas Bingo - Knoxville Comm. Ctr. 12:00pm/Doors open at 10:30am	22 St. Rita of Cascia No Mass St. Thomas Rectory Closed	23 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Adoration - 1:00pm-6:00pm; St. Peter's Women's Bible Study - 10:00am Al-Anon - 7:00pm/AA - 8:00pm	24 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Mass - 6:00pm St. Thomas Rectory Closed	18 Ascension of the Lord Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Mass - 6:00pm; St. Thomas Both Rectories Closed	19 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Rectory Closed Confirmation Practice - 6:30pm; Church	20 St. Bernadine of Siena Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass - 7:00pm; St. Catherine Marian Ministry Women's Brunch - 9:00am; St. Peter's Parish Center
28 Pentecost Sunday Mass - 8:30am Mass - 11:30; St. Thomas	29 Blessed Virgin Mary Mass - 10:00am Both Rectories Closed Blessing of Graves St. Peter's Cemetery - 10:45am Antrim Cemetery - 11:30am	30 No Mass Adoration - 1:00pm-6:00pm; St. Peter's Women's Bible Study - 10:00am Al-Anon 7:00pm/AA - 8:00pm	31 Visitation of Blessed Mary No Mass St. Thomas Rectory Closed	25 St. Bede the Venerable Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	26 St. Philip Neri Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Rectory Closed	27 St. Augustine Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass - 7:00pm; St. Catherine




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Parish Prayer List

Trish Knowlton, Judy Nagel, Shirley Mekos Broughton, Donna Brennan, Mary Mekos, Jonathan Hardman, Stephen Hurd, Stephanie Hemighaus, Suzie Alexander, Syler Sullivan, Adrienne Gilbert, Bob Murphy, Sylvia Smith, Tom Mohr, Carol Weatherby, Carol Shine, Teresa Pavlock, Joann Black, Patricia Quattrone, Larry Jackson, Katie Seip, Lisa Jones, Renee Kennedy, Gay Furlong, Fran Rose, June Sherman, Kathy Smith, Tim Bogaczyk, Beth Valdez, Charles Barrett, Joe Engel, Darleen Kohler, Victoria Salerno, Paul Beuter, Cole Salerno, Mark Kilmer, Stephen Horvatch, Fr. Paul Mullen, Helene Carpenter, Everett Dean Brown, Roberta Mahar, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Carolyn Tester, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniow, Ruth Russell, Anne Marie Beuter, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, Jacoby Aratari, Lou Kirby, Shannon Jones, Steve Ziemak, Cody Bowers, Carolyn Clark, Don Hayden, Lisa Neil-Keller, Ann Callahan, John Harling, Shawn Wheeler, John Wheeler, Kayleigh Johnson, Mary Clark, Ruth Braham, Richard and Valerie Tobin, Shirley Dixon, Lucy Whitney, Adele Young, Suzan Richar, Lucille Keck, Gloria Fermenic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Tom Patt, Sammi Swinnich, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, Maureen Bailey, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, B.J. Butler.

 Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Lord, this we know, no matter how difficult life may be at this time, we know you will not stop loving us and will always hold us in the palm of your hand. We are reaching to you, Lord, to hold us, comfort us, and heal us. Lord, this we know, you are faithful in your love for us today and forever. You are with us, and we are with you. Amen.